IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Christine Markert-Hahn et al.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

Commissioner for Patents:

The present Amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination and is a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. In response to the Final Office Action dated August 12, 2009, please extend the period of time for response three (3) months, to expire on February 12, 2009. A Petition for an Extension of Time and authorization for the requisite fee are enclosed. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.